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Sir:

## PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

A three month extension of time, to and including September 28, 1998, is requested for response to the Examiner's Action of March 27, 1998. If a three month extension of time is insufficient, Applicants request such an additional extension as is necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

No check is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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